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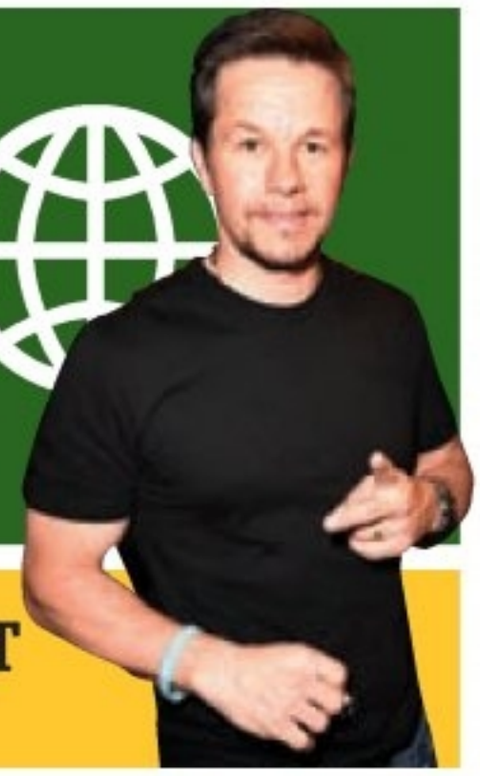

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UBER DRIVER CHARGED

1 A Michigan man who worked as an Uber driver was charged with 16 counts, including six for murder, in the fatal weekend shootings of six people in Kalamazoo, documents filed on Monday by a county prosecutor said. Jason Dalton, 45, has been charged with six counts of open murder, punishable by up to life in prison, as well as two counts of assault with intent to commit murder and eight felony firearms violations. REUTERS

ENCRYPTION COMMISSION

2 Apple urged the creation of a government panel on encryption to help resolve a standoff over national security and data privacy that erupted last week after the technology company refused a U.S. government demand to unlock an iPhone linked to one of the killers in a mass shooting in California. It was the latest move in a public and symbolic showdown between the U.S. government and technology companies, both of which are keen to set a precedent over how far investigators can dictate tech firms handling of customers' data. REUTERS

LAB IS STILL TOP US DOG

3 The Labrador retriever retained the title of America's most popular dog breed for the 25th consecutive year, even as the upstart French bulldog stole the limelight in New York and other big U.S. cities, the American Kennel Club said on Monday. The chunky Lab, known for its loping gait and easy-going nature, owes its enduring popularity to its well-deserved reputation as a family pet, said AKC Vice President Gina DiNardo. REUTERS

7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

MOCK WINTER PROTEST

7 Mock protests against the winter weather popped up throughout the city on Monday, including in Copley Square, as an advertising campaign for visiting Tampa, Florida.

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MOTORCYCLE FATAL

4 A young man killed over the weekend as the result of a motorcycle accident in Huntington has been identified, WCVB reported. Kenneth Dejordy, 22, of Montgomery, was pronounced dead on the scene by police after he collided with a pickup truck. Authorites were continuing to investigate the incident, MassLive.com reported, adding that "the exact circumstances of the accident have yet to be determined." MATT LEE

ROAD REVIVAL EXTENDS

5 U.S. road travel rose by 4 percent in the nation's warmest December on record, government data showed on Monday, and capped a record-setting driving renaissance amid cheap gasoline prices and lower unemployment. Defying expectations that rapid year-on-year increases in driving would abate as motorists got used to low pump prices, drivers logged 264.2 billion miles on U.S. roads and highways in December, the most ever for the month, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. REUTERS

SUSPECT ARRAIGNED

6 The man who triggered a shelter-in-place order for several hours at UMass Amherst last week was ordered held without bail at his arraignment on Monday. William McKeown, 19, of Framingham, faces armed robbery and assault charges after he allegedly struck a student with a handgun on campus, but did not fire the weapon, on Thursday. McKeown is not a UMass student. SPENCER BUELL

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Boston College High School was among the threatened schools. NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

Robocall threats reported at schools

East Boston and Boston College high schools among several targeted.

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Several Massachusetts high schools received threatening robocalls on Monday.

Boston College High School and East Boston High School both received threats at 10:45 and 10:46 a.m. yesterday morning, Boston police spokeswoman Myeshia Henderson said.

Outside the city, high schools in Newton, Arlington, Haverhill, Lawrence, Brockton, Billerica, Amherst, as well as a middle school in Chatham, all received threats via telephone yesterday, according to multiple reports.

The Boston Police Bomb Squad also investigated threats at Suffolk County House of Correction in Roxbury, according to The Boston Globe.

In January, several schools in the region reported received threatening calls, including BC High.

None of the threats have been deemed credible.

BRIEFS

MBTA's overtime king approved his own extra pay
The track maintenance employee who racked up 2,600 overtime hours in less than a year "regularly approved his own overtime reporting form" and retired Jan. 31, according to MBTA audits.

The audits undertaken by KPMG and an internal auditor found no evidence of fraud, though Jim Logan, the T's internal auditor, said he had found "a little bit of abuse of overtime here and there — not anything illegal."

The top-five overtime earners at the roughly 6,500-employee transportation authority were all employed in engineering and maintenance — power and maintenance of way, according to the audit. SHNS

$75M cushion in T budget
The MBTA expects to come in $75 million under budget by the end of fiscal 2016 in June and plans to invest the savings into capital spending and substantially reducing the projected fiscal 2017 deficit, which has been estimated at $242 million.

With a projected $7.3 billion cost to bring the system into a state-of-good-repair, T Chief Administrator Brian Shortsleeve said the operating expense savings pushed into pay-go capital would improve service for riders. SHNS

Cops to fingerprint all cabbies

Boston police this week launched a new effort to fingerprint every cab driver in the city, beginning on Monday.

"This program is intended to ensure the highest standards of safety for the traveling public," police said on their blog.

There are 6,000 taxi drivers licensed to operate in Boston through the Boston Police Hackney Carriage Unit. Each of them will need to have their fingerprints taken when it comes time for an annual license renewal process.

Boston's Police Commissioner William Evans said in a statement that cab drivers "welcomed" the new policy.

"When the citizens of Boston get into a cab, they trust that operator to get them to their destination safely every single time," Williams said.

The move comes amid debate over regulations for ride-hailing services like Uber and Lyft, which compete with cabs for riders.

SPENCER BUELL

Trump has strong Mass. lead, Dems tied

The Emerson student-run poll is the first survey of Massachusetts Republican primary voters since November.

Donald Trump is popular among Massachusetts voters, poll shows. GETTY IMAGES

Donald Trump holds an enormous lead in the five-way Republican presidential primary in Massachusetts, with 50 percent of the vote, according to a survey by the Emerson College Polling Society released yesterday.

Conducted Friday, Saturday and Sunday by the student-run organization, the poll of 289 likely Republican primary voters has a 5.7 percent margin of error.

The poll of 417 likely Democratic primary voters showed former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders tied with 46 percent apiece and a 4.75 percent margin of error.

In the Republican field, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio placed second with 16 percent; Ohio Gov. John Kasich followed in third with 13 percent; followed by Texas Sen. Ted Cruz (10 percent) and Ben Carson (2 percent).

According to Real Clear Politics, the Emerson student-run poll is the first survey of Massachusetts Republican primary voters since November when a Suffolk University/Boston Globe poll found Trump at 32 percent, followed by Rubio at 18 percent and Cruz at 10 percent. After Cruz won the Iowa caucuses, Trump took first place in the New Hampshire and South Carolina primaries. Clinton edged Sanders in Iowa and Nevada caucuses and lost to the Vermont senator in New Hampshire.

Massachusetts Republicans and Democrats vote March 1. STATE HOUSE NEWS

16-year-old suspect charged with murder of teen in Dorchester

A 16-year-old boy was arraigned on a murder charge yesterday for allegedly stabbing another teen to death.

The victim, Deon Hopkins, 15, of Dorchester, was fatally stabbed around 4:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon near Columbia Road and Devon Street, according to the district attorney's office.

Investigators identified the suspect as Amari Pope, 16, who reportedly used a kitchen knife to attack Hopkins after a verbal dispute.

Hopkins and a teenage girl became involved in a verbal altercation on the street Sunday afternoon, Assistant District Attorney Gregory Henning said in court. Pope, who was also present, allegedly left the scene, went into his Columbia Road home, and returned with a kitchen knife. That's when Pope stabbed the younger boy and pursued him across the street, Henning said. Hopkins collapsed in front of a nearby market and surveillance video allegedly shows Pope circling his body still carrying the knife.

Pope allegedly left the area and changed his clothing.

He is being held without bail and will return to court on March 30. MATT LEE

"The evidence ... suggests this was a verbal altercation that didn't have to escalate to violence."
Suffolk County D.A. Daniel Conley

BRIEF

Fentanyl trafficking law takes effect today

Anyone caught trafficking the powerful opioid fentanyl in Massachusetts will face up to 20 years in state prison under a law that takes effect today.

In November, the Legislature passed and Gov. Charlie Baker signed a bill to make trafficking the synthetic opiate a crime punishable by up to 20 years in prison. Fentanyl is "estimated to be 80 times as potent as morphine and hundreds of times more potent than heroin," according to the CDC. Distributing and possessing the synthetic drug is already illegal without a prescription, but the new crime of trafficking will punish offenders with up to 20 years in prison for trafficking more than 10 grams.

Attorney General Maura Healey pushed for the new law, citing several cases of fentanyl being mixed with heroin to provide an often fatal boost in potency. According to the National Forensic Laboratory Information System, labs in the U.S. identified fentanyl in 4,642 cases in 2014, up from 945 in 2013. SHNS

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‘Puppy mill bill’ would ban some sales in Boston

A city councilor’s proposal met with opposition from pet store owners.

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A Boston city councilor yesterday announced his plan to ban sales of dogs, cats and rabbits from commercial breeders in the city.

Councilor Matt O’Malley said a city ordinance he filed this week, which has been dubbed the “puppy mill bill” would help stem the flow of pets from animals raised in “abhorrent conditions.”

It would ban sales of animals bred in commercial operations, both licensed and unlicensed, he said. It would remain legal for city residents to purchase pets from licensed breeders directly, he said.

O’Malley made the announcement at the MSPCA’s shelter in Jamaica Plain.

There are no stores inside the city selling puppies and kittens, but one — The Pet Shop in Allston — sells rabbits, according to MSPCA spokesman Rob Halpin.

O’Malley said he sponsored the ordinance to stop other pet stores from opening in Boston in the future.

The Pet Shop’s owner, Jim Gentile, told the Boston Globe on Sunday the proposal would deal a blow to his business.

“To me it just makes no sense to drive a business out of the city of Boston,” Gentile told the paper.

Another pet store’s co-owner, Robert Mellace of Pet Express, railed against the ordinance on Monday. He confronted O’Malley at the news conference Monday morning, challenging the councilor’s interpretation of what a “puppy mill” is.

In an interview, Mellace said his store vigorously researches its breeders before sourcing their animals, and said he wanted to speak up for other store owners who do the same.

“They’re trying to paint all pet stores with the same brush that no matter what you, do you’re buying from a puppy mill,” Mellace told Metro.

Pet Express, which has storefronts in Lynn, Saugus, Braintree and Danvers, does not have a location in Boston.

Although his business wouldn’t be impacted by a Boston ordinance, he said he worried about other municipalities following Boston’s lead.

O’Malley told Metro he couldn’t speak to Mellace’s claims about ethically sourcing animals, but stood by his position that the city needs to target pet store sales.

“Puppy mills are a thriving industry because of pet stores,” he said. “I hear what he’s saying, but I still believe very strongly that the greater good of this bill is going to help pets and their owners.”

A separate bill to regulate animal sales statewide is pending in the Legislature. Mellace said he hoped the city would await the results of that process and not support an outright ban.

The statewide effort would set new restrictions on pet-buying, among them making it illegal to sell many pets who are younger than 8 weeks old, or to sell animals from breeders with records of federal welfare violations. It would also require store owners to cover medical costs for sick animals customers purchase.

By the MSPCA’s count, there are 17 stores in the state currently selling pets from breeders.

O’Malley’s bill would also ban animal sales in parks and on city streets. Boston would be among more than 120 municipalities around the country to adopt similar ordinances, according to the MSPCA. It would be the first in Massachusetts, O’Malley said.

O’Malley filed the ordinance on Monday. He said he plans to introduce it to his colleagues on the City Council on Wednesday, then schedule a hearing on the subject at a to-be-determined date.

Boston City Councilor Matt O’Malley announced his effort to ban the sale of pets bred by commercial breeders in Boston. NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

“We have seen a sharp increase in the number of rabbits surrendered to our Boston adoption center … due in part to continued rabbit sales in pet stores, too many of which end up homeless.”

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Here's your first look at Saint West

During all this "Life of Pablo" and "SNL" nonsense with Kanye West, have you just been asking yourself, "Enough already — when are we going to get to see his newborn son?" You might be a little weirdly preoccupied, but Kim Kardashian has your back anyway. The social media maven unveiled the first look at her and West's baby boy on her website and app, posting a pic of young Saint slumbering with adorably raised arms. Who knows, maybe he's jamming out to "Formation" and not just napping. "Today is my dad's birthday," Kardashian writes alongside the image. "I know there's nothing more in the world he would have wanted than to meet his grandchildren. So I wanted to share this pic of Saint with you all." The Internet appreciates it too, Kim.

KIM KARDASHIAN/ INSTAGRAM

Hillary Clinton looking for some of that Kylie Jenner mojo

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In Hillary Clinton's quest to secure that elusive youth vote, one Jenner sister just isn't enough. While Clinton has already picked up a friendly backing via Instagram by Kendall Jenner, she knows the real prize is Kylie Jenner's support. "Hillary has been really worried about her support with millennials. She has a great relationship with the Kardashians, so her people have been trying to get Kylie Jenner to endorse her," a source close to the campaign tells Radar Online. "Hillary is courting Kylie because she needs the help and she thinks it will help her connect to a younger demographic. Kylie is the perfect age to support Hillary now and she has exactly what Hillary needs. She's 18 and she has over 50 million followers on Instagram." Sure, but does Kanye West get to weigh in on this deal, too?

Rob Thomas is really sorry about racist joke

First things first: Rob Thomas — that guy from Matchbox 20 — is still around. He even has a new album! But that's not why he's in the news, unfortunately. No, he's making headlines for a joke he made in Australia that didn't go over well. "When you get on the plane on your way here, you start drinking. And then I drink till I think I'm Australian," Thomas said during a recent show, according to TMZ. "And then I keep drinking till I think I'm a black Australian." After being booed he apologized on Facebook, saying "I didn't know until today that just the phrase 'black Australian' was racist all on its own." You shouldn't need to be told, Rob.

Taylor Swift orchestrates a Kesha bailout

Clearly, Kesha has not been having a great few days following a judge's decision to side with Sony in her petition to get out of her contract with producer and alleged rapist Dr. Luke. But there's some good news: Taylor Swift has swooped in to offer some financial help, no strings attached. "In a show of support, Taylor Swift has donated $250,000 to Kesha to help with any of her financial needs during this trying time," a spokesperson for Swift says in a statement. Kesha's mom verified the news, tweeting, "Taylor Swift has just generously donated $250,000 to Kesha as a show of support during this difficult time. Amazing!"

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Agneta Stjernlöf-Valcu and Victor Valcu have been traveling the world since they retired as ballet masters — but not as tourists.

Instead, the two stagers have been helping set "Onegin," a ballet based on Alexander Pushkin's poem, for companies worldwide — most recently with Boston Ballet.

"Onegin," choreographed by John Cranko in 1965 for the Stuttgart Ballet, is a tragic love story that puts on display the culture and social dynamics of 19th-century Russia. Onegin, a snobbish aristocrat, rejects Tatiana's love only to regret it several years later.

Larissa Ponomarenko and Viktor Plotnikov in John Cranko's Onegin.
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It's the stager's job to ensure that the choreography and style of the production stays true to the original. Valcu was one of the first people to dance the role of Onegin in 1976. His wife, Stjernlöf-Valcu, is a choreologist – someone who notates the choreography so that it can be preserved and passed on – for about 120 ballets, and has the original notations for "Onegin."

"I'm the policeman," Stjernlöf-Valcu says. "I make sure that everyone does the steps correctly, does the choreography correctly."

The Stuttgart Ballet holds the rights to "Onegin," and only permits certain people to stage it – Stjernlöf-Valcu and Valcu are two of only five people worldwide who are able to stage the ballet.

Not just any company can perform the ballet, either. The Stuttgart Ballet has to believe that the ballet company is strong enough to do the production justice. The stagers explained that this is because of the ballet's technical difficulty and the depth of acting that's required.

"We very often have Tatiana, at the end, just crying – for real," Stjernlöf-Valcu says. "It's such strong emotions in this ballet."

"It demands knowledge, talent [and] experience," Valcu says. "And good teaching, and we are good teachers – I joke, I joke."

Valcu and Stjernlöf-Valcu explain that they keep staging the production because there continues to be companies that want to dance it. They know it'd be fun to stage a new production, but they keep coming back to "Onegin."

"It's a ballet you don't get sick of," Stjernlöf-Valcu says.

Boston Ballet will perform "Onegin" from Feb. 25 to March 6 at the Boston Opera House. Tickets start at $35 at BostonBallet.org.

Seth MacFarlane, Sutton Foster to join Boston Pops spring season

The Boston Pops have millennials in mind this spring with a new season of interactive and star-studded events we actually want to go to.

Seth MacFarlane, of "Family Guy" and "Ted" fame, is set to make his Pops debut, opening the season May 6 with a '40s-'50s American songbook review. Tony-winner/"Younger" star Sutton Foster will sing and dance her way through May 26 and 27, and "Dancing with the Stars" and "So You Thing You Can Dance" dancers will steal the stage May 7 and 8. And a tribute to late greats David Bowie and The Eagles' Glenn Frey will be led by Boston guitarist Tom Scholz.

You go, Keith Lockhart.
WINSLOW TOWNSON

Foster is set to perform four shows with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra later this month, and says she'll be dusting off her tap shoes for the occasion so there's a chance she breaks them out for Boston, too. Her "Younger" co-star/love interest Nico Tortorella will perform alongside at the Baltimore shows, but no word on whether he'll be joining for the Pops, but we can dream.

Also returning, the mobile device-led "Pops on Demand" on May 25 and June 1 and 14, for a night of tunes chosen by the crowd and another epic night with John Williams and Keith Lockhart featuring pieces from the new "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" score on May 12 and 13.

Check the full schedule and ticket information at BSO.org.

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Mark Wahlberg's fitness secret

His trainer tells us how it's done.

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When you queue up a Mark Wahlberg movie, you can typically count on some close-ups of his hot bod. We asked Wahlberg's trainer and Brik Fitness owner Brian Nguyen what us regular people can do to bulk up Marky Mark style and he shared one of Wahlberg's secrets: Power Plate. The strengthening tool uses vibration technology to stimulate muscles to contract faster than they can on their own.

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Here, Nguyen tells us the three moves he makes Wahlberg do.

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2016 still a make-or-break year for C's

Danny Ainge did not make a deal at last week's NBA trade deadline. GETTY IMAGES

Danny Ainge has to pull the trigger on a big deal this year.

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Celtics fans have taken a seat, looked up at the sky and patiently waited for their fireworks show for a couple years now. But after the 2016 NBA trade deadline came and went without a even a firecracker tossed out of the C's front office, everybody is going to have to wait until the offseason for something to happen — preferably, something big.

So how should we feel about the quiet trade deadline? While we'll have a definitive answer by the end of the summer, the early thought is that Danny Ainge did the right thing by holding on to what he has, for now.

The NBA trade deadline is usually one filled with excitement, but that wasn't the case this season across the league. A few trades were made, but nothing that really moved the needle.

Kevin Love? DeMarcus Cousins? Al Horford? Jahlil Okafor? Dwight Howard? All nice thoughts (minus Howard perhaps), but really, how available were these guys? At what cost was it to the Celtics to acquire one?

The C's still hold not one, not two, but up to three first-round picks in this year's draft, and it would be a shock to see them make all those picks. They also hold future Nets picks, all of which should have plenty of value.

In fact, first-round picks may be even more valuable than ever, seeing as the NBA salary cap is rising, but rookie scale contracts are not. That leaves more money on the table to sign big-name free agents.

And then there's this: Whatever players were allegedly available at the trade deadline are going to be available in the offseason one way or the other. You can't tell me the Love rumors are going to go away once the Cavs inevitably lose to the Raptors, Spurs or Warriors in the playoffs. And players like Horford and Howard can be had in free agency, too.

Twenty-nine teams are going to be hoping to make changes, and some more than others will be looking to make major changes.

And that's where Ainge and his assets — as well as all the cap space needed — come in. He didn't hinder his chances at going hard at a superstar or two in the offseason (whether by trade or free agency) by overpaying for one of the few "available" players at the deadline.

The rebuild is ahead of schedule, but this summer is going to be Ainge's make-or-break moment. On one hand, he goes into it with a lot of nice pieces available to make something happen. On the other, if the Brooklyn pick isn't in the top two, or if the demand just isn't where it needs to be, the C's could be left with a bunch of rookies and young players — and no superstar.

Best buds

David Ortiz and David Price have had their battles over the years, but the new teammates were all smiles at Red Sox spring training in Fort Myers, Florida, on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

NFL finally under scrutiny for taking away Pats' draft pick

National football writers call for Roger Goodell to reinstate pick.

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Roger Goodell docked the Pats a 2016 first-round draft pick. GETTY IMAGES

Patriots representatives will be at the NFL combine this week but the Pats won't be scouting any first round talent.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell docked the Patriots a first-round pick (No. 29 overall) in the 2016 NFL Draft and a fourth-round pick in 2017 due to their role in last year's deflated footballs scandal. Tom Brady had his four-game suspension wiped out late last summer when Judge Richard Berman ruled that the NFL cannot hand out player discipline for "general awareness of misconduct." But the Patriots' team penalty remains in place. Patriots owner Robert Kraft has not recently commented on if he will attempt to recover the draft picks.

Kraft said the following last May:

"I'm going to accept, reluctantly, what [NFL commissioner Roger Goodell] has given to us, and not continue this dialogue and rhetoric," Kraft said. "And we won't appeal."

It was widely thought at the time that Kraft took the team hit because he thought Goodell would wind up going easy on Brady when it came to a suspension. But after the NFL dished out the suspension, Kraft blasted the league.

"I was wrong to put my faith in the league," Kraft said. "I have been negotiating agreements on a global basis my entire life. I know there are times when you have to give up important points of principle to achieve a greater good."

Some key members of the national football media are now calling for Goodell to reinstate the Patriots' draft picks. Sports Illustrated's Peter King wrote Monday that the fact that the NFL only tested for PSI numbers in scattered games this past season was "stupid" and that it "tells the world the league never wanted to find out the effect of weather on footballs."

Mike Florio of Pro Football Talk added: "The NFL should [reinstate the picks] but it won't. It won't do it because there's no mechanism that the Patriots can use to get the picks back. The Patriots chose last year not to fight the sanctions, closing the door on any opportunity to change the outcome."

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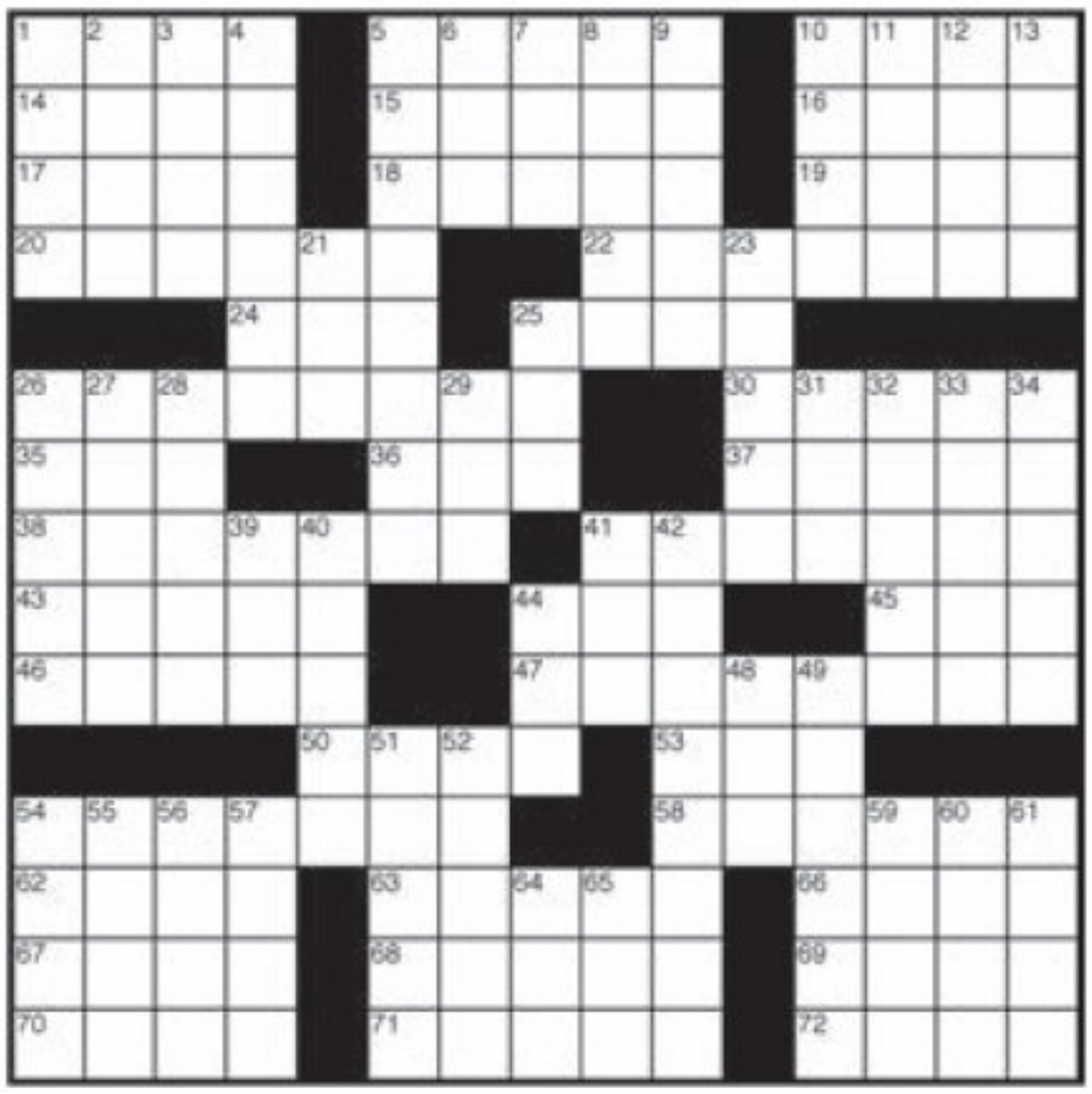

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Aries Don't give in to a bully trying to manipulate you. Take action and establish what you want in order to gain the freedom you need to pursue your plans.

Taurus If you involve yourself in events that interest you, you will meet someone worthwhile. A change in attitude will take place if you are subject to a different way of doing things.

Gemini Your dedication will lead to prosperity. Now is not the time to let someone else handle your affairs or manipulate your mind. Do what's best for you. Romance is favored.

Cancer Partnerships, new friendships and educational events will add to your knowledge and improve your life. Changes at home will be comforting.

Leo Your charm and ability to entertain will draw interest in whatever you do or say. A change at work or in an important partnership looks promising.

Virgo Emotional matters will surface. Don't give in when you should be setting a standard that puts an end to anyone trying to take advantage of you.

Libra Do whatever makes you feel good and eases your stress. A change in a partnership will be in your best interest. Be willing to walk away if you don't like what's being offered.

Scorpio Take an unconventional route. You'll feel more at ease if you avoid letting anyone dictate what you can and cannot do. Strive for excellence if you want to be given greater freedom.

Sagittarius Proceed with caution. Refuse to give anyone information that might jeopardize your position or plans. Emotional manipulation is present and will lead to setbacks.

Capricorn Sign contracts and put in writing any personal commitment you want to make. An unusual concept or plan you shelved will be perfect for the current economic climate.

Aquarius You need a change. An enjoyable service or skill will help supplement your income. Tweak your appearance in order to stand out and set a new trend.

Pisces You'll have opportunities galore if you participate in events or programs you believe in. Partnerships look favorable as long as you insist on equality in all your dealings. **EUGENIA LAST**

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